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SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

1. Mine No. 4 had an estimated labor force of 2,500 men including 100 "geophysicists" (ore testers?). Of these geophysicists, about 90 were employed underground. The mine had 14 levels, the deepest level was at 420 meters. The ore yield of the different levels was less with increasing depth. No ore was found on the 420-meter level; a major granite level was detected at a depth of 450 meters. The best ore was called grade-5 ore. Five or six boxes of grade-5 ore, at most, were produced per shift. Total output of grade-5 to grade-2 ore was 40 to 50 boxes per shift. Except for sterile rock which was called grade-1 ore, all the ore mined was packed in boxes marked by unidentified chalk symbols.
2. Of Object No. 2, only Mines No. 4, 6, 6 b, and 64 were scheduled to continue operating; all other mines were to be deactivated. Ore was then to be hauled to the surface through Mines No. 6 and 64 exclusively.
3. The labor force of Mine No. 6 b was estimated to be 800 men. The mine had five levels. Source worked on the 60-meter level. Approximately 30 boxes of grade-1 ore, the best material, were produced per shift. Since April 1954, stope mining working upward from the 60-meter level had been conducted. Ore lodes were 4 to 6 cm. thick and 1 to 2 meters long. The ore mined was brown, ocher, and black.
4. New miners were recruited regularly, and personnel was transferred from Object No. 1 to Object No. 2.

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